of J & K has long been a part of Government policy regarding J&K.

(b) The mandate given to both Shri K.C. Pant and Shri N. N. Vohra is to have a dialouge with representatives of all walks of life in the State of Jammu and Kashmir to elicit their views as part of efforts at moving towards peace and normalcy.

Solution of Ayodhya issue outside court jurisdiction

316. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are pursuing a solution to Ayodhya issue outside court jurisdiction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve the issue at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government is firmly of the view that Ayodhya dispute can be resolved, either through mutual agreement among all the parties concerned or through the verdict of the judiciary. Therefore pending judicial verdict, the Government will continue to facilitate all attempts to find an amicable resolution of the dispute.

Ban on religious institutions in border areas

†317. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of places of worship and other institution are being constructed in areas adjacent to international border of the country; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government so far to keep a check on such activities and by when a complete ban will be imposed thereon?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have received reports about the increase in the number of places of worship and religious instruction along some of the border areas of the country, particularly Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders.

(b) There is no proposal to ban the construction of places of worship in the country. However, the feasibility of enacting a legislation to regulate the construction of places of worship and of religious instruction in specified border belt including the coastal belt is receiving Government's attention.

Security to tourists and pilgrims visiting J&K

318. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to provide security to tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir during summer vacations and pilgrims that would be arriving for Amarnath Yatra;

(b) whether the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has asked for more security cover from the Union Government during its tourist seasons and Amarnath Yatra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps the Union Government propose to take to ensure that both tourists and pilgrims visiting Jammu and Kashmir are safe from militancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The State Government has informed that they have elaborate security arrangements for tourists who are visiting the State as also for the Amarnath Ki Yatra. Keeping in view the increases in the tourists in flow both domestic as well as foreigners in J&K, the assistance of Para Military Forces like BSF/CRPF has also been obtained to strengthen arrangements being made by local police.

(b) to (d) Central Police Forces are deployed in J&K as an aid to the State Government, keeping in view the overall security scenario and availability of these Forces. Like every year, additional forces have been